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Draft report

Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007
Part two: biennial programme plan

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 4
Peacekeeping operations

1. At its 19th meeting, on 22 June 2004, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/59/6 (Prog.4)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the programme of work of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The view was expressed that activities of the programme represented one of the highest priorities of the Organization, and that they were in line with the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

4. The view was expressed that safety and security of staff in the field was a top priority and should be realized through the joint work of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and other organizations participating in the security management system. It was stressed

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that the integrated approach and greater coordination within the United Nations system and with external partners provided better preparedness for the recent surge in peacekeeping operations.

5. It was pointed out that there should be sufficient information for the effective implementation of peacekeeping operations, and emphasis should be placed on the continuous flow of information to and from Member States in all phases of peacekeeping operations. Concern was expressed about how the requirements of getting information on time and coordinating all operations in the field would be met.

6. The Committee welcomed the emphasis placed on training and gender mainstreaming by the Department. It was noted that recourse to training, in particular specialized training, was an important element of the strategy for the plan period.

7. The importance of proper planning for the military components of peacekeeping operations was highlighted, together with the importance of establishing appropriate entry/exit strategies. It was noted that development and implementation of best practices from the use of force to disarmament, demobilization and reintegration was a key priority for the Department.

8. The Committee emphasized that police officers should be recruited in accordance with approved human resources management rules and procedures. Emphasis was placed on the engagement by the Department of regional and subregional organizations on policing issues, and the Committee encouraged the development of partnerships with national police academic institutions.

9. Satisfaction was expressed with the progress made in the implementation of the mine action advocacy strategy. The view was expressed that duplication should be avoided through coordinated efforts with programme 3, Disarmament.

10. The view was expressed that more attention should be given at the outset of peacekeeping missions to the preparation for transition to long-term peace and development.

11. It was indicated that some of the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further refinement.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. **The Committee recommended that programme plans facilitate the efficient and cost-effective implementation of peacekeeping operations.**

13. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Before the heading "Overall orientation", add the heading "A. Peacekeeping operations".

Overall orientation

Paragraph 4.2

In the first sentence, replace the word "six" with the word "five", and delete the words "and Peacekeeping Missions".

Subprogramme 1

Replace expected accomplishment of the Secretariat (a) with the following accomplishment: "Provision of timely informed advice and recommendations on issues related to peacekeeping to the Security Council, General Assembly, other intergovernmental bodies, troop-contributing and other contributing countries".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) (ii) with the following indicator: "Number of successful structural arrangements with regional organizations as judged by mandate fulfilment".

Paragraph 4.6

After the words "troop-contributing", add the words "and other contributing".

Paragraph 4.7

Revise the paragraph to read: "The United Nations faces increased challenges in planning for and effectively implementing the complex mandates that are often called for in peacekeeping operations today, and in meeting the planning demands of surges in operational activity. The Office of Operations will seek to coordinate a fully integrated mission planning process across all stakeholders within the United Nations system, producing a mission concept of operations and component plans that are fully understood, integrated and owned, both at Headquarters and in the field. Best practices and lessons learned will be implemented in the design, planning and implementation of new and existing missions. The safety and security of personnel working in peacekeeping operations will be accorded the highest priority, and to that end appropriate attention, both at Headquarters and in the field, will be given to information management, security assessment and risk and threat analysis. In addition, the Office of Operations will seek to promote regional peacekeeping capacity and organizational relationships and focus on partnerships to address cross-cutting issues."

Subprogramme 2

In the objective of the Organization, after the words "fulfil their mandates", add the words "efficiently and effectively".

In indicator of achievement (b) (iii), after the words "the number of", add the words "applicable and effective".

Add the following new indicators of achievement:

(b) (iv) 100 per cent of international civilian staff have been given pre-deployment training, in-mission training and appropriate training and development

(b) (v) High percentage of senior staff in the field at the commencement of the mission

(b) (vi) Streamlined process of civilian recruitment and reduction of waiting times.

Subprogramme 4

In the objective of the Organization, replace the words "United Nations criminal justice standards" with the words "accepted international standards".

Paragraph 4.11

In the second sentence, after the words "In a post-conflict society", add the words "the re-establishment of the rule of law and", and at the end of the sentence, replace the words "sustainable peace" with the words "lasting peace".

In the third sentence, after the words "the Division develops", add the words "together with the Department's judicial and corrections experts".

Revise the fourth sentence to read: "With other relevant parts of the Department the Division engages in partnerships, particularly with the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for the development of national policing institutions and judicial and corrections systems."

Paragraph 4.12

At the end of the paragraph, add the following new sentence: "The Division will consider how to further enhance efficient planning and early implementation of mandates."

Subprogramme 6
B. United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)

Revise the objective of the Organization to read: "To monitor developments pertaining to ceasefire violations along the line of control in accordance with the UNMOGIP mandate contained in Security Council resolution 307 (1971)".

Revise expected accomplishment (a) to read: "Presence of United Nations military observers in established UNMOGIP field stations on both sides of the line of control to monitor ceasefire violations".

In expected accomplishment (b), replace the words "complaints by the parties in areas near the Line of Control" with the words "ceasefire violations".

At the end of indicator of achievement (b) (i), add the words "to the extent permitted by the host countries".

Paragraph 4.17

Revise the paragraph to read: "The United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan will continue to provide timely and detailed routine reports as well as ad hoc reports on relevant developments in the UNMOGIP area of operations, in accordance with the implementation of its mandate."

Paragraph 4.18

In the first sentence, replace the word "complaints" with the words "alleged complaints".

Delete the last two sentences and replace them with the following sentence: "The number of United Nations Military Observers may be adjusted among Headquarters and field stations in accordance with operational requirements".